



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by **[Insert date 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. Electronically. You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

Division of Regulations Development

Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number _____

Room C4-26-05

7500 Security Boulevard

Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web Site address at Web Site address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>

2. E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see ADDRESSES).

CMS-10688 Home Health (HH) National Provider Survey

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collection

Type of Information Collection Request: New collection (Request for a new OMB control number; Title of Information Collection: Home Health (HH) National Provider Survey; Use: Section 1890A(a)(6) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires the Secretary of HHS every three years to assess the quality and efficiency effects of the use of endorsed measures in specific Medicare quality reporting and incentive programs. This request is for review and approval of a survey and qualitative interview guide for the home health setting, which CMS proposes to use to address critical needs regarding the impact of use of quality and efficiency measures in the home health setting, including the burden they impose on home health agencies.

CMS plans to use the findings from surveys and qualitative interviews for multiple purposes. The qualitative interviews and standardized survey will inform CMS about the impact of measures used to assess care in HHAs. The surveys will help CMS understand whether the use of performance measures has been associated with changes in HHA behavior—namely, what quality improvements

(QI) investments HHAs are making and whether adoption of QI changes is associated with higher performance on the measures. The survey will help CMS identify characteristics associated with high performance, which, if understood, could be used to leverage improvements in care among lower-performing HHAs. The survey and interviews, assuming approval by August 2019, would be fielded from fall 2019 through spring 2020 Form Number: CMS-10688 (OMB control number: 0938-NEW); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Private Sector (Business or other for-profits, Not-for-Profit Institutions); Number of Respondents: 1,040; Total Annual Responses: 1,040; Total Annual Hours: 1,040. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Noni Bodkin at 410-786-7837.)

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Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

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